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Construction of a dam on the Orava River (for location, see sketch on page 3) was nearly finished in summer 1954. Only final details of its construction were being completed at that time. Construction of a power station on the dam also appeared to be completed. The dammed area was filling up with water; only one more meter of depth was required to bring the water to the specified level. The dam and back-water covered an area of approximately 24 square kilometers.

the calculations for the final water level had been incorrect. As a result, the water backed up across the border and extended about five kilometers into Polish territory. This situation caused dissension between Poland and Czechoslovakia. The Poles were insisting upon high monetary compensation. In addition, they wanted the water level to be lowered enough to clear the Polish territory or, as an alternative, large supplies of electric current to be furnished by Czechoslovakia.

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Legend to Sketch of Orava River Dam Area (see page 3)

//// Backwater. The outline of the backwater area is, for the most part, an estimate. [] observation of part of the backwater area and [] knowledge of the height of the dam wall, which was about 35 m., []

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[] The water level reached and followed approximately the level of contour line 600.

1. Dam, about 35 m. high.
2. The Orava River as it flowed from the dam outlet.
3. The Podhoranka River.
4. The Biela Orava River.
5. The Cierna Orava River.
6. The Lipnica River.
7. The Oravica River.
8. Road from TvrDOSin (N 49-20, E 19-34) to Namestovo (N 49-24, E 19-30). The section of road between the bridge across the Orava River (point 12) and the Namestovo community which followed the right bank of the river was new. The old road followed the left bank of the river and went through Ustie nad Oravou (N 49-33, E 19-34). The section of the road between Ustie nad Oravou and Namestovo was inundated by backwater.
9. Ustie nad Oravou. A part of the community was inundated after construction of the dam.
10. Namestovo community.
11. TvrDOSin community.
12. New bridge across the Orava River on road (point 8); about 20 m. above the river.
13. Area where it was planned to build a new recreation center.

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A hand-drawn map of the Czechoslovak-Polish border area. The map shows a river system with several branches. A large area is hatched with diagonal lines. The hatched area is labeled 'Czechoslovak-Polish Border'. The map includes numbered labels 1 through 13. Two coordinate systems are shown: one in the top left with values 8 10 and 10 38, and another in the bottom right with values 8 24 and 10 26. The map is oriented with North at the top.

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